

CRPF: Making Significant Contributions to the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

Espousing the values and ideals championed by Mahatma Gandhi, and recognizing the crucial role of cleanliness in our lives and the sustainable development of the world, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has been actively participating in cleanliness drives initiated by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi since the launch of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan on October 2, 2014.

In just the past year, over 5000 cleanliness activities were conducted during Swachhata Pakhwada, with approximately 1.5 lakh CRPF personnel actively engaged, along with the involvement of nearly 10,000 civil volunteers.

In line with the objectives of the special campaign "Swachhata Pakhwada - Swachhata hi Seva (SHS) 2023," running from September 15th to October 2nd, 2023, a massive cleanliness drive took place nationwide as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary. As part of this initiative, the Delhi-based offices of CRPF organized a special cleanliness drive on 1st October, known as the "Ek Tarikh Ek Ghanta Program," spanning one hour from 1000 hrs to 1100 hrs at 23 prominent locations. Dedicated CRPF personnel actively participated in this drive and cleaned their designated areas. The event witnessed the presence of Shri. Nityanand Rai, Minister of State for Home Affairs, along with Union Home Secretary Shri. Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Shri. Sujoy Lal Thakosen, DG CRPF, and other senior CRPF officials at Scope Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

In the ongoing Swachhata Pakhwada, which aligns with the spirit of 'Swachhata Hi Seva,' CRPF has identified and created 328 cleanliness sites on the SHS portal. Mass cleanliness drives have been organized at prominent tourist destinations, with special attention given to areas prone to garbage accumulation and high footfall, such as bus stops, railway stations, medical institutions, slums, environmental parks, tourist spots, and religious places. Educational programs have encouraged youths to actively participate in the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' mission, infusing fresh energy and momentum into the Swachhata Campaign. Banners and posters emphasizing the importance of cleanliness, particularly in managing plastic waste, have been prominently displayed to support the effective ban on Single Use Plastics (SUPs) nationwide.